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UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

CBOC 2026 Fall Education Sessions:



- September 13th – 8:00-9:00pm EST
- September 27th – 8:00-9:00pm EST
- October 4th – Assignor Networking Session
8:00-9:00pm EST
- October 18th – 8:00-9:00pm EST
- October 25th – Rules Review and Exam
Preparation
8:00pm-9:00pm EST



3x3 Education Session:

April 19th – 8:00-9:00pm EST

UPCOMING NOCP COURSES

Please see [GAME PLAN](#) for the most up-to-date listing of upcoming NOCP workshops. Local associations may offer NOCP 1 and 2 courses if taught by a qualified Learning Facilitator. If your association wishes to host a clinic, please contact Canada Basketball at certification@basketball.ca.

REFEREE FEATURE: Nathaniel Anderson (ON)

Nathaniel Anderson's officiating journey may be just 1.5 years in, but his approach already reflects the mindset of a seasoned official.

From the moment he picked up the whistle, Nathaniel committed to saying yes to opportunity. Competitive games, new levels, added training—he didn't shy away from any of it. Each assignment became a chance to learn, improve, and challenge himself. He steps onto the court every game with a fresh mindset, free of bias, focused on officiating to the best of his ability.

As a former player, Nathaniel brings a valuable perspective to the floor. He often puts himself in the players' shoes, remembering how he wanted games to be officiated—fairly, consistently, and with respect for the flow of the game. Hustle, fairness, and game control are central to how he works, all with the goal of protecting and respecting the game everyone in the gym loves.

What truly stands out is his commitment to growth. Nathaniel treats every game as a learning opportunity, focusing on improving one skill at a time. He welcomes feedback, opens himself up to criticism, and listens closely to mentors, always looking for ways to get better. His work ethic isn't just about personal advancement - it's about honoring the players, coaches, and parents who invest so much time, energy, and money into basketball.

He also speaks honestly about the mental side of officiating. While the physical and financial benefits are often discussed, Nathaniel highlights how meaningful it is to feel seen and appreciated - especially when hearing, "you guys officiated that game really well." Those moments matter, and they reinforce why officials do what they do.

Officiating also runs deep in Nathaniel's family. His father, a respected official for over 20 years, has been his mentor and sounding board. Post-game phone calls to break down plays and scenarios are routine, and the lessons go beyond mechanics—they're about fairness, control, and professionalism. Hearing how fondly others speak about his father motivates Nathaniel to leave a similar mark on the game, and hopefully an even bigger one.

As Nathaniel continues his journey, his goal is clear: to reach higher levels and become an official that players, coaches, and fans are genuinely happy to see walk into their gym. With his humility, work ethic, and passion for the game, he's well on his way.



Hugh and Nathaniel Anderson

Black History Month: Representation, Leadership, and Legacy in Canadian Basketball Officiating

Basketball has always been more than a game. It is a space where leadership, integrity, and trust are tested in real time. For Black officials across Canada, officiating has also been a space where perseverance, excellence, and quiet trailblazing have shaped the sport from the inside out.

During Black History Month, we take a moment to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Black basketball officials - past and present - whose commitment to the craft has strengthened Canadian basketball at every level.

For many Black officials, entering the officiating ranks meant navigating environments where representation was limited and expectations were high. Advancement was earned through preparation, consistency, and resilience. Over time, those efforts paid off - not just in personal success, but in opening doors for others to follow.

Representation matters in officiating. When young officials see leaders who look like them wearing the whistle, managing games, mentoring peers, and earning trust, it sends a powerful message: *you belong here*. Black officials continue to serve not only as arbiters of the game, but as mentors and role models — sharing knowledge, setting standards, and helping build environments where respect and inclusion are non-negotiable.

The growth of Black representation in Canadian basketball officiating did not happen by accident. It is the result of perseverance in the face of systemic barriers, navigating environments where representation and opportunity were limited, and sustained effort by Black officials themselves - supported by intentional mentorship, strong local associations, evolving education pathways, and a shared commitment to inclusion across the officiating community.

As the game evolves, so does officiating - and the continued leadership of Black officials will remain essential to shaping a fair, inclusive, and high-performing future.

This Black History Month, we celebrate the officials who paved the way, those leading today, and the next generation ready to pick up the whistle.



Women in Basketball Officiating Collective (WiBOC)

The Women in Basketball Officiating Collective was created to do more than open doors - it exists to keep them open, widen them, and make sure women feel they belong once they walk through. Across Canada, women officials continue to navigate challenges that go beyond learning mechanics or rules. Many face isolation, inconsistent access to mentorship, limited visibility, and the pressure of being “the only one” in the gym. WiBOC was formed in response to those realities - not as a side initiative, but as a deliberate commitment to change the culture of officiating.

Through mentorship, education, advocacy, and visibility, the Collective works to support women officials at every stage of their journey - from first whistle to national and international appointments. This includes creating safe spaces for honest conversation, amplifying women’s voices, and ensuring that development opportunities are equitable, transparent, and intentional.

Progress is being made. We are seeing more women on high-profile games, in leadership roles, and on national stages. But WiBOC also acknowledges an important truth: there is still work to do. Representation does not happen by chance. It is the result of sustained mentorship, strong local associations, accessible education pathways, and a shared responsibility across the officiating community to challenge outdated norms.

WiBOC is not about lowering standards - it is about removing barriers so that standards can be met fairly. It is about building confidence, competence, and community. And most importantly, it is about ensuring that women in officiating are not just included, but valued, supported, and empowered.

This work is ongoing. And it matters - for today’s officials, and for the next generation who need to see themselves reflected on the court.

Because when women thrive in officiating, the entire game is better.

Listen to CBC Morning Interview :

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-100-ottawa-morning/clip/16199934-how-women-call-into-sports-basketball>

Check on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/womencanref/>

Chair: Nadine Crowley (nadine@nadinecrowley.com)



U15 and U17 Men's and Women's National Basketball Championships

Applications are now open for the 2026 U15 and U17 National Basketball Championships.

Event Details

U15 & U17 Women

Sherbrooke, Quebec

August 2–9, 2026

(August 2 and August 9 are designated travel days)

U15 & U17 Men

Regina, Saskatchewan

August 2–9, 2026

(August 2 and August 9 are designated travel days)

Eligibility Requirement

Applicants must be at minimum NOCP 3A certified (NOCP 3 online course completed).

Application Requirements

Your submission must include the following documents:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Cover Letter
3. Officiating CV
4. Supporting Letter from your Province/Territory

All documents must be combined into one single PDF file, submitted in the order listed above.

Important:

- Send one file only.
- Applications that do not follow the required format (single PDF, correct order) will not be accepted.

This is an excellent opportunity to continue progressing within the national pathway and to work alongside officials from across the country.

Please see the Application links below. Send to the appropriate Provincial representative

Application Deadline – April 2nd , 2026

U15 – [Nomination Form Click Here](#)

U17 – [Nomination Form Click Here](#)



CONGRATULATIONS

Officials Selected to National Championships



CCAA Women's National Championship** Dawson College, Quebec March 18-21 2026

Cory Connors QC
Philippe Dauphinais QC
Katia Davi-Digui AB
Frances Enns ON
John Fitzgerald NS
David Gallagher NB
Jessy Gatete QC
Vanette Graham ON
Kylee Howard SK
Mareesa Kelly BC
Joe Lam AB
Frédérique Lorrain QC
Amy Bakos QC (Alternate)

Referee Coaches: Perry Stothart, Eric Jordan,
Max Audette

CCAA Men's National Championship** Nanaimo, British Columbia March 18-21 2026

Shawn Alleyne QC
Wyatt Anders MB
Melissa Famme ON
Brendan Fedoski SK
Alexandra Gruneberg BC
EJ Link BC
Jennifer McKenzie NS
Stephen Seal BC
Zach Udoumoren AB
Erica Weiland AB
Lukasz Wera BC
Andrew Yan ON
Roland Calapiz BC (Alternate)

Referee Coaches: Martha Bradbury,
Morgan Munroe, Todd Messer

Please note that, at the request of CCAA, and in consideration of financial constraints, four officials were selected from the host province, and two officials were selected from neighbouring provinces.

USport Men's National Championship Calgary, Alberta March 6-8, 2026

Troy Bennett ON
Frankie Billingsley ON
Matt Boyle NS
Robb Caporicci ON
Tanner Cervo BC
Neil Donnelly SK
Ryley Kerrison AB
Ryan Langdon NB
Alexandre Lapointe QC
Perry Stothart AB
Cooper Toppings AB
Fei Xiang ON
Christopher Spooner ON (Alternate)

Referee Coaches: Mike Thomson, Jake
Steinbrenner, Paul Johnson

USport Women's National Championship Laval, Quebec March 5-8, 2026

Brooke Briscoe BC
Audrey Cardinal QC
Stephen Clow NS
Amy Cotton ON
Anna Del Col ON
Matthew Goble BC
Marie-Pier Houle QC
Jackson James BC
Carriera Lamoureux MB
Shelley Quintos QC
Lisa Waschuck AB
Tommy Wu ON
Lindsay Walsh NS (Alternate)

Referee Coaches: Pierre Marion, Georgia
Risnita, Ray Samuels

Calling a Foul on Cancer: Celebrating the Pink Whistle Legacy

For 17 years, basketball referees in British Columbia have been doing more than officiating games—they've been Calling a Foul on Cancer. What began in 2009 as a personal response to cancer's devastating impact has grown into one of the most visible and meaningful referee-led fundraising initiatives in Canadian sport.

The Pink Whistle Campaign was launched by long-time official Karn Dhillon after cancer touched his family and the officiating community in rapid succession. Determined to take action, Dhillon proposed a simple idea: wear pink whistles during games to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. With the immediate support of fellow officials, the Pink Whistle Legacy Fund Team was born.

Since then, the campaign has grown layer by layer—pink whistles, pink lanyards, exclusive pink and black striped referee shirts, and bold signage in gyms and venues across the province. Today, more than 2,500 pink whistles, 1,500 lanyards, and 400 referee shirts are in circulation throughout BC. The shirts are worn during two outdoor “legacy” summer tournaments—the Dolphin Classic and KitsFest—and during league play each February.

What started as a referee initiative has become a true community movement. Players, coaches, fans, media, and corporate partners have all joined the cause, united by a shared understanding that nearly everyone has been affected by cancer in some way.

Creative partnerships have helped keep the message front and centre—from the launch of Pink Whistle beer with local breweries to a cement truck wrapped with the slogan: “*The big wheel keeps on turnin', and we keep on callin'... fouls on cancer.*” Sporting partners have also contributed, including a custom Pink Whistle – Refs vs Cancer Baden Elite Pro Basketball.

Seventeen years in, the impact is undeniable. The Pink Whistle Campaign has raised \$350,000 for the BC Cancer Foundation, with expectations of surpassing \$400,000 by the end of this year. Half a million dollars is clearly within reach. Supporters are encouraged to learn more, get involved, and contribute through the campaign's donation page:

<https://bccancerfoundation.com/pinkwhistlecampaign>

The Pink Whistle Legacy is a powerful reminder of what can happen when the officiating community rallies around a cause bigger than the game.

As the movement proudly reminds us all: **“You simply can't boo these refs.”**





CBOC

OFFICIAL REFEREE JERSEY

JERSEY WINDOW March 2 – March 23

The CBOC referee jersey by One Team Sports. This raglan-style short sleeve assembly is constructed with spandex mesh material for comfort and moisture wicking. Available in both male and female cut and in sizes Small to 4XL.

Jerseys will be delivered in approximately 6-7 weeks after the close of the store window.

\$53

(plus tax & shipping & handling)



How to Order:

- Place your order on the CBOC webstore:
- <https://cbocrefereejacket2026.itemorder.com/shop/closed/>
- Order must be placed by March 23, 2026.
- Late orders will not be accepted to ensure delivery deadlines are met.
- Expected order delivery date is approximately 7 weeks from the end of the sale.
- Additional shipping & handling charge of \$15 per order (regardless of quantity)

Men's Jersey

Sizing Chart (cm)	SM	MD	LG	XL	2XL	3XL
1/2 Chest	52	55	58	61	64	67
Front Length	74.5	76.5	78.5	80.5	82.5	84.5
Back Length	77	79	81	83	85	87

Women's Jersey

Sizing Chart (cm)	XS	SM	MD	LG	XL	2XL
1/2 Chest	45	48	51	54	60	63
Front Length	67.5	76.5	78.5	80.5	82.5	84.5



CBOC

OFFICIAL REFEREE JACKET



JACKET ORDERING WINDOW March 2 – March 23



Introducing the New CBOC Pregame Warm-Up Jacket

Stay comfortable and look sharp on your way to and from competitions with the new CBOC pregame warm-up jacket. This sleek, lightweight track jacket is available in both men's and women's cuts, with sizes ranging from XS to 3XL.

*Jackets will be delivered in
approximately 6–7 weeks after the close
of the store window.*

\$99 (plus tax, S&H)



Left chest



CANADA
BASKETBALL

Nape



Official in picture is
185.4 cm (6'1") wearing
a large size

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